New Haven Jan. 25. 1845

My dear Brother

Your kind letter of the 15th inst was regularly rec'd. The kind feelings which are manifested in it are more fully reciprocated tho' not so often expressed or exhibited as might perhaps be wise. That it seems to me known to a family characteristic.

I have read Dr B's malignant outbreak upon you with great satisfaction. It has afforded me much gratification, particularly as contrasted with the magnanimity & self respectful forbearance manifested in your article & reply.

We are now in usual health. Nancy is, at this time, far from well — but calls herself well. Cornelia is fat & hearty but has been troubled with the head ache this winter. So much as to be obliged to discontinue her attendance at school. Since this has nearly recovered her former health. Is quite fat hearty & robust with red cheeks & a continued overflowing of hilarity & an exuberance of feeling which can be worked off only by constant motion & effort.

My Insurance business is always more burdensome in January than in any other part of the year; & this year it requires much more care than usual, because of the Competition arising from our new Mutual Ins. Co. with Galpin at its head & some 25 directors ~~and~~ & a great No of Stockholders all urging our folks to have their business done there. I am happy to find that scarcely one of my Customers have left except their directors & a very few Stockholders – & many of them have done so only after they have expressed their regret that they were in a measure compelled to do so.

I have been making an effort for some time past to oust Almy Brown from his office of Chorister in our Church which he has held for nearly thirty years. It is not at all surprising that I should encounter opposition from his friends. Indeed they contrived by a secret movement at our annual meeting & actually turned me out of the Com. before our good people suspected the ruse. The movement created great excitement & the chairman of the new Com. resigned in order that I might be put in his place, & after more trouble than I am expected to mention more Commendation from Mr Lewis Hotchkiss

Henry Hotchkiss (Pres. County Bank) & Henry White the meeting supported me with only a single voice on the negative. I was also appointed on a standing Com. on music — That Com. has reported — ~~as~~ I wished. & this report has been adopted — & Mr Brown is no longer chorister. Skinner said to me yesterday "well I don't see, but you have got plans & sailing now — all things just as you wish" — The whole matter respecting the music is referred to the Society's Com. & of them a majority are my personal friends & will do as I wish.

There is a Mr Boardman in Brooklyn formerly from Norwich of whom Lowell Mason & Rev Mr Bond of Norwich speak in the highest terms as a ~~Com~~ Conductor of Music. Can you without trouble inquire respecting him?

I should have written on the receipt of your letter but I had a little matter which I was in hopes to send to you but am still disappointed — I send the recipe which I suppose was in my letter to Nancy while at N York.

I am offered an agency for the new Mutual Life Ins Co. ~~in Boston~~ at Worcester. I have written to Mr Crocker to learn further about the Co. I think a thing of that kind would take well —

Excuse me for writing so fast. as I have already been several times interrupted & expect others in who will prevent my finishing my letter if not done before they come. The Sup. Co. is also in session

Love from all to all.

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